and their entitlement; otherwise, these people are going to put the entire system in a mess. Why should it not be 250 dollars per day?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is a different question.

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Why can't they make half of that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is all right.

SHRI JAGMOHAN: Sir, the provisions of the Act and the Government rules and regulations, which are applicable to them—these are the conditions of service—will be enforced, and if there is any deviation from those rules, action would be taken to ensure that they fall within the ambit of the rules. If anybody has done anything wrong, we will look into that. I have seen that ...*(interruptions)*

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal): The question is not unrelated. According to the Act itself, the Government has to produce here the Audited Accounts of TRAI along with the CAG's adverse notings on their accounts which are there. That stipulation is also there. I think it has also been overlooked.

SHRI JAGMOHAN: Sir, what Salim Sahib is referring to is, probably, some Press-report appearing today. This is based on the note of the Director-General of Post and Audit. They have pointed out certain irregularities committed by the memebrs of this telecom authority. I am giving you an assurance that those irregularities will be looked into. If they have done something over and above the rules which are now applicable, if the rules have not been notified,—there were certain rules earlier available—, under the Act they cannot go beyond the provisions of the Act. therefore, this will be looked into, and we will take the House into confidence. There is nothing that we don't want to do or hide. We will be very transparent.

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Members of TRAI ...*(interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is not the issue now. The basic question is that the explanation was not given along with it. I think he may lay it and give the explanation later on.

Notifications of Ministry of Communications

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): Sir, I lay on the Table, under Section 37 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Communications.

(i) G.S.R. 683(E), dated December 2, 1997 publishing the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Salaries, Allowances and Conditions of Service of Chairperson and other Members) Rules, 1997 along with explanatory memorandum.

(ii) G.S.R. 80(E), dated February 10, 1999 publishing the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Annual Report and Returns) Rules, 1999.

(iii) G.S.R. 72(E), dated February 8, 1999 publishing the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Period for Filing of Application to Authority) Rules, 1999.

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I. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Small Industries Development Bank of India, Lucknow and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Industrial Development Bank of India, Mumbai and related papers.

III. Consolidated report (1996-97) on the working of public sector Banks.

IV. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAM): Sir, I lay on the Table—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Small Industries Development Bank of India, Lucknow, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Bank.

(Placed in Library, *see* No. LT-2272/89)

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (5) of section 18 and sub-section (5) of section 23 of the Industrial Development Bank of India Act, 1964 read with sections 13 and 15 of the Public Financial Institutions Laws (Amendment) Act, 1975:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Industrial Development Bank of India, Mumbai, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Bank.

(Placed in Library, *see* No. LT-2271/89)

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Consolidated Report on the working of Public Sector Banks for the year ended on 31st March, 1997.

(Placed in Library, *see* No. LT-2635/89)

IV. (A) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Finance, under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, alongwith explanatory memoranda:—

(i) G.S.R. 156(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 20/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to prescribe fresh and consolidates certain existing effective rates of basic and additional customs duty on various goods falling under the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act.

(ii) G.S.R. 157(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 21/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to prescribe effective rates of customs duty on various goods falling under the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, to give effect to the proposals of the Finance Bill, 1999 reducing tariff rates of customs duty.

(iii) G.S.R. 158(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 22/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to prescribe effective rates of special additional duty of customs leviable under section 3A of the Customs Tariff Act, on specified goods falling under the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act.

(iv) G.S.R. 159(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 23/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to exempt specified goods falling under the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, from the whole of the surcharge leviable thereon under clause 118 of the Finance Bill, 1999.

(v) G.S.R. 160(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 24/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to exempt High Speed Diesel Oil (HSD) from so much of the additional duty leviable thereon as in equivalent to the additional duty of excise leviable on HSD under clause 133 read with the Second Schedule to the Finance Bill, 1999.

(vi) G.S.R. 161(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 25/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to prescribe effective rates of basic customs duty on specified raw materials and parts for the manufacture of electronic goods.

(vii) G.S.R. 162(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 26/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to prescribe the effective rates of basic customs duty and the special additional duty of customs on specified goods imported by a manufacturer of linear alkyi benzene for the purpose of extracting N. Paraffin.

(viii) G.S.R. 163(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 27/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to amend notification Nos. 152/94-Customs, 26/95-Customs, 28/95-Customs, 36/96-Customs and 25/98-Customs.

(ix) G.S.R. 164(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 28/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to rescind certain notifications.

(x) G.S.R. 165(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification 29/99-Customs, dated 28.2.99 seeking to amend notification No. 42/96-Customs, dated 23rd July, 1996, so as to notify the Cochin International Airport Project for the purpose of assessment under heading No. 98.01 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act.

(xi) G.S.R. 1(E), dated January 1, 1999 publishing the notification No. 12/99-Customs, dated 1.1.99 regarding amendment to notification No. 32/97-Customs dated 1.4.97.

(xii) G.S.R. 58(E), dated February 1, 1999 publishing the notification no. 12/99-Customs, dated 1.2.99 regarding amendment to notification No. 104/95-Customs dated 31.5.95.

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(xiii) S.O. 1007(E), dated November 26, 1998 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xiv) S.O. 1008(E), dated November 26, 1998 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xv) S.O. 1100(E), dated December 23, 1998 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xvi) S.O. 1129(E), dated December 30, 1998 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xvii) S.O. 1130(E), dated December 30, 1998 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of Export-goods.

(xviii) S.O. 5(E), dated January 6, 1999 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xix) S.O. 6(E), dated January 6, 1999 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of Export-goods.

(xx) S.O. 42(E), dated January 28, 1999 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xxi) S.O. 43(E), dated January 28, 1999 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of Export-goods.

(xxii) S.O. 51(E), dated February 1, 1999 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xxiii) S.O. 52(E), dated February 1, 1999 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xxiv) S.O. 74(E), dated February 3, 1999 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of import-goods.

(xxv) S.O. 75(E), dated February 3, 1999 publishing the exchange rate for conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for the purpose of assessment of Export-goods.

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(B) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of Ministry of Finance under sub-section (2) of section 32 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 along with explanatory memoranda:—

(i) G.S.R. 167(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 5/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 regarding effective rates of Duty of Excise and Special duty of Excise on goods falling under chapter 13 to 96 of the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985.

(ii) G.S.R. 168(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 6/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 regarding effective rates of excise duty on various goods falling under the First Schedule to Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985, to give effect to the proposals of the Finance Bill, 1999 reducing tariff rates of duty of excise.

(iii) G.S.R. 169(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 7/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to amend certain notifications.

(iv) G.S.R. 170(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 8/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to prescribe the general SSI exemption for units not availing Modvat.

(v) G.S.R. 171(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 9/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to prescribe the

general SSI exemption for units not availing Modvat.

(vi) G.S.R. 172(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 10/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to prescribe a new scheme of exemption for SSI units manufacturing cosmetics and refrigerating and air-conditioning equipment.

(vii) G.S.R. 173(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 11/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to amend the definition of independent processor covered under the section 3A levy on processed fabrics.

(viii) G.S.R. 174(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 12/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to extend exemption from AED (ST) duty on handloom fabrics processed by Handloom Cooperatives etc.

(ix) G.S.R. 175(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 13/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to exempt goods designed, developed and patented by Indian companies and specified institutions, when manufactured by Indian companies.

(x) G.S.R. 176(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 14/99-Central Excise, dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to rescind certain notifications.

(xi) G.S.R. 177(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 16/99-Central Excise(N.T.), dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to amend the definition of independent processor covered under the section 3A levy on processed fabrics.

(xii) G.S.R. 178(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 17/99-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to amend the Hot Air Stenter Independent Textile Processor Annual Capaicty Determination Rules, 1998.

(xiii) G.S.R. 179(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the Central Excise (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1999.

(xiv) G.S.R. 180(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 19/99-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to amend the definition of independent processor not covered under the deemed credit scheme of payment of excise duty on processed fabrics.

(xv) G.S.R. 181(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 20/99-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to notify some more commodities under section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 so as to charge duty with reference to MRP price.

(xvi) G.S.R. 182(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 21/99-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 28th February, 1999 supersession of notification 5/94-Central Excises, dated the 1st March 1994 and specifies inputs, final products and specified duty for the purposes of rule 57A.

(xvii) G.S.R. 183(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 22/99-Central Excise, (N.T.), dated the 28th February, 1999 seeking to

amend notification No. 24/94-Central Excises (N.T.) dated the 20th May, 1944 so as to *inter-alia* grant full credit of the specified duty paid.

(xviii) G.S.R. 189(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the Central Exicse (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 1999.

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(C) A copy each (*in English and* Hindi) of the following notifications of Ministry of Finance under sub-section (4) of section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994 along with explanatory memoranda:—

(i) G.S.R. 184(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notifi-

notification No. 1/99-Service Tax, dated 28.2.99 seeking to amendment the Service Tax Rules, 1994.

(ii) G.S.R. 185(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 1/99-Service Tax, dated 28.2.99 seeking to exempt serive tax on specified taxable services.

(iii) G.S.R. 186 186(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 3/99-Service Tax, dated 28.2.99 seeking to exempt service tax on taxable services provided by Rent a cab scheme operator.

(iv) G.S.R. 187(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 4/99-Service Tax, dated 28.2.99 seeking to exempt service tax on taxable service provided consulting engineers in relation to computer software services.

(v) G.S.R 188(E), dated February 28, 1999 publishing the notification No. 5/99-Service Tax, dated 28.2.99 seeking to rescind certain service tax notifications

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(D) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of Ministry of Finance under sub-section (7) of section 9A of the Finance Act, 1975 along the explanatory memoranda:—

(i) G.S.R. 765(E), dated December 24, 1998 publishing the notification No. 106/98-Cus. Dated 24.12.98 regarding imposition of provisional antidumping duty on Industrial Sewing Machine Needles originating in or imported from Japan, Korea R.P. and People Republic of China.

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(ii) G.S.R. 766 (E), dated December 24, 1998 publishing the notification No. 107/98-Cus dated 24.12.98 regarding reduction of duty the Basic Customs on parts and components required for the manufacture of fuel injection equipment from 20% to 10%

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(iii) G.S.R. 767(E), dated December 24, 1998 publishing the notification No. 108/98-Cus. Dated 24.12.98 seeking to impose safeguard duty on all imports of Flexible Slab Polyol for the manufacture of Polyurethene foam mattresses at the rate of 20% during the first year and 5% for next six months.

(iv) G.S.R. 768(E), dated December 24,1998 publishing the notification No. 109/98-Cus. dated 24.12.98 seeking to impose safeguard duties on all imports of Proplyene Glycol at the rate of 16% for the first year and 11% for the second year.

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